

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 4-15, 17, and 18 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1 is herein amended.

Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 3, and 16 are pending and at issue.

Allowable claims

Applicants note with gratitude the Examiner's indication that claims 1-3 and 16 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants further note the Examiner's suggestion (current Office Action at bottom of page 2) that claim 1 would be allowable if amended. Applicants have herein amended claim 1 accordingly. Applicants further reserve the rights to pursue all cancelled subject matter in continuation and divisional applications.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite and lacking antecedent basis because only one alkyl is substituted by pyridyl. Applicants traverse.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to support the antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 2 be withdrawn.

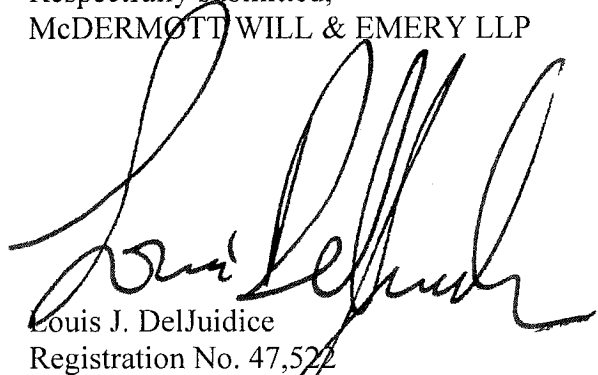
CONCLUSION

It is believed that the application and all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that the application be immediately passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that there are any remaining issues which can be resolved by a Supplemental Amendment or by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 associated with Customer No. 20277 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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